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Subject: RE: trials on January 27, 2011

I have a copy of a set of the questions that Lisa Yelle of the State Police Crime Lab gave out to a bunch of ADAs. I'm not sure if you have a copy of them or not, but I'm not too worried about what I may get asked. I've testified around 20 times and have never had a problem on the stand. Even testified for ADA Dave Gagne today and believe that that went well (and he didn't follow Lisa's list). In general, we (the chemists) like the KISS rule of keeping it simple. Occasionally an ADA has gotten a little overzealous and asked about the details of the testing procedure, which we have no problem describing, but it seems to either confuse the jurors or incline the defense attorney to ask more questions than they would otherwise. If you want a copy of the list that Lisa provided, I may be able to get you a copy in the morning (esp. if UMass does not delay their opening), but I'm not sure if that is needed as it should be pretty straightforward. Just let me know if you want a copy. Thanks.

-Sonja

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From: Doran, Melissa (WES)
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Thanks Sonja.

Do you have a list of predicate questions for your testimony?

From: Farak, Sonja (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Lemasa, David (WES); Weissman, Stuart (WES); Doran, Melissa (WES)
Subject: trials on January 27, 2011

Hi all-

Just thought that I'd give you all a little notice about tomorrow, January 27th for your respective trials (Dave = [REDACTED], Stuart = [REDACTED], and Melissa = [REDACTED] (I know you mentioned this may be resolved short of trial)):

Knowing that the weather tonight and tomorrow morning may not be nice, I thought that I'd inform you that the drug lab normally operates on the UMass snow schedule (i.e. if there are no classes, we don't come into the lab, and if there is a delayed opening, we normally come in when the campus opens). That does not necessarily mean that I would not be able to go to court if needed (I believe I'm on call for all of your cases). So, if you try calling the lab phone number and nobody picks up, you can try calling me on my cell: [REDACTED]. Thanks.

-Sonja

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